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## Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 4544th meeting of the Security Council, held on 24 May 2002, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council strongly condemns the killings, in particular of civilians, that recently took place in Kisangani. The Council calls for an immediate cessation of all violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. It reiterates its demand that the city be demilitarized in accordance with relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 1304 (2000) of 16 June 2000, and with the pledge made by Rassemblement Congolais pour la Démocratie-Goma to the last Security Council mission. The Council also calls on the parties to cooperate to the full reopening of the Congo River, including to commercial traffic.

"The Security Council invites the Secretary-General to consider whether a temporary increase in the deployment in Kisangani of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC), within the current authorized troop level, may contribute to easing tensions. The Council requests MONUC to continue to monitor reports of extrajudicial violence and report to the Council.

"The Security Council draws the attention of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the seriousness of the events that took place in Kisangani on 14 May 2002 and immediately thereafter.

"The Security Council stresses the importance of MONUC assisting, within the current mandate, in the full demilitarization of Kisangani. In this respect, the Council welcomes the proposal by the Secretary-General in paragraph 50 of its tenth report of 15 February 2002 (S/2002/169), in accordance with resolution 1355 (2001) of 15 June 2001 and 1376 (2001) of 9 November 2001 to reinforce MONUC's civilian police unit with 85 officers to assist in the training of the local police.

"The Security Council expresses its intention to consider expeditiously any further recommendation that the Secretary-General may deem necessary."

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